



Dear Fellow Arkansan,

This week, I am proud to announce that 26 Arkansas colleges and universities will receive a total of \$7,642,634 in U.S. Department of Education grants to fund Student Support Services programs, which provide academic and other support services to low-income, first-generation or disabled college students to help them stay in school, graduate and achieve academic success.

Student Support Services is one of eight TRIO programs within the Department of Education that are designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. In Arkansas, 23,132 students were served by 78 different TRIO projects in academic year 2008-09.

In addition to making college more affordable for Arkansans and all Americans, it is also critical that we provide students with the tools they need to be successful in reaching their educational goals. A greater investment in TRIO programs is a tremendous investment in the young men and women working hard to earn an education that will secure their own economic stability and increase our nation's overall productivity. That is why I have fought hard for increased funding for these supportive services at schools in Arkansas. In an increasingly competitive job market and a struggling economy, higher education gives our students the competitive edge they need to succeed.

The following Arkansas colleges and universities received awards:

First District:

Mid-South Community College (West Memphis) – \$290,495

Ozarka College (Melbourne) – \$287,328

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville – \$220,000

Arkansas State University (Jonesboro) – \$276,019

East Arkansas Community College (Forrest City) – \$313,239

Arkansas Northeastern College (Blytheville) – \$290,517

Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (Helena-West Helena) – \$324,759

Arkansas State University-Heber Springs – \$220,000

Second District:

University of Arkansas at Little Rock – \$370,651

Harding University (Searcy) – \$366,385

Arkansas State University-Beebe – \$255,505

Pulaski Technical College (North Little Rock) – \$238,496

Third District:

University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) – \$358,915

University of the Ozarks (Clarksville) – \$277,476

Arkansas Tech University (Russellville) – \$220,000

University of Arkansas at Fort Smith – \$220,000

John Brown University (Siloam Springs) – \$238,496

Fourth District:

Southeast Arkansas College (Brazosport) – \$238,496

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Southeast Arkansas College (Pine Bluff) - \$250,490
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff - \$426,362
Ouachita Technical College (Malvern) - \$265,311
Rich Mountain Community College (Mena) - \$328,392
National Park Community College (Hot Springs) - \$364,126
Henderson State University (Arkadelphia) - \$361,963
Henderson State University - Disabled (Arkadelphia) - \$255,504
Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia) - \$343,682
University of Arkansas Community College at Hope - \$290,517


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